

## AB 2310 High School Equivalency Certificates

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Sponsor: California Department of Education

### BACKGROUND

The General Education Development (GED) testing program is jointly administered by three separate entities: by the GED Testing Service (GEDTS) of the American Council on Education; by each participating state, provincial, or territorial government; and by each of the 3,400 Official GED Testing Centers that serve as the main point of contact for GED candidates.

Recently, GEDTS changed its policies to support a centralized scoring system. Most of these changes took effect in January 2002. Specifically, GEDTS changed the site-level scoring process to what they perceived as a more accountable state-level scoring process. Consequently, California has contracted Education Testing Services (ETS) to collect and score all of the states' GED tests (previously, ETS was only scoring the essay portion of the exam). Because of the shift from site-level to state-level scoring, technical changes are necessary to make California Education Code compliant to GEDTS standards.

### SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

This bill would delete the requirement that applications for a California high school equivalency certificate and official score report be submitted by each test center following each examinee's completion of the GED test.

The bill would instead require the scoring contractor to provide the State Superintendent of Public Instruction with a set of results for each examinee who has taken that test.

If you support this legislation please send letters to:

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